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## Key Leadership Appointments Announced For California State Parks

Promotions in key areas in the management of California State Parks were announced today (May 20, 2003) by Bill Berry, Deputy Director for Park Operations, and are taking effect in Sacramento, Los Angeles and Northern California.

"These are important leadership positions and the skills and knowledge these people possess will help ensure that our visitors are well-served and that our operations run as smoothly as possible," Berry said.

The appointments include:

### Sacramento

- **Lynn Rhodes:** Appointed as the new Field Services Division Chief; formerly served as Superintendent, Monterey District.
- **Kirk Sturm:** Chief, Northern Division which will result from combining the Northern and Central Divisions effective July 1. George Cook, the current Central Division Chief, will retire June 30.
- **Todd Thames:** Director, State Capitol Museum; formerly served as Superintendent, Twin Cities Off-Highway Motor Vehicle District.
- **Ron Brean:** Deputy Director for Administration; formerly served as Chief of the Northern Division.
- **Tony Perez:** Chief, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division; formerly served as Director, State Capitol Museum.

### Los Angeles

- **Ron Schafer,** Superintendent, Los Angeles District; formerly served as Superintendent, Bay Area District.

### Northern Buttes

- **Bob Foster,** Superintendent, Northern Buttes District; formerly served as Chief of the Public Safety Office.